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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This application has been reconsidered carefully in light of the Office Action dated as mailed on 02 August 2007. A careful reconsideration of the application by the Examiner in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

5 This response is timely filed as it is filed within the three (3) month shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action.

No additional fee (claim fee or other fee, e.g., extension of time fee) is believed due as a result of this response. If, however, it is determined that such a fee is properly due as a result of this communication, the Commissioner is hereby
10 authorized to charge payment of such fees or credit any overpayment, associated with this communication, to Deposit Account 19-3550.

Amendment to the Claims

15 By the above, rejected and/or withdrawn claims 1-17 and 30 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 18-29 and 31 remain in the application with claim 25 having been withdrawn from consideration.

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Interview Summary

As a preliminary matter, the undersigned wishes to thank Examiner Gellner for the courtesies extended during the above-identified telephonic interview wherein the Examiner clarified that the allowed claims are claims 18-24, 26-29 and 31, as shown on the Office Action Summary sheet (PTOL-326) which was included with the Office Action.

Allowable Subject Matter

The allowance of claims 18-24, 26-29 and 31 over the art of record is noted with appreciation.

Claim Objections

Claims 1 and 18 were objected to for a certain informality.

The objection to claim 1 is moot in view of the above cancellation of claim 1.

Claim 18 was objected to as the language of "a blowing agent the ignition composition" is unclear in meaning. Claim 18, however, in relevant part reads "a blowing agent; the ignition composition". The Action appears to have not appreciated that there is a semi-colon on the line after the term "blowing agent" that has not been cancelled and thus remains in the claim.

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In view thereof, notification of the withdrawal or overcoming of the objection to claim 18 is requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103

1. Claims 1-6, 9 and 13-15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,626,360 to Lauritzen et al. (Lauritzen) in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication 2001/0042577 A1 to Redecker et al. (Redecker) in further view of U.S. Patent 5,540,154 to Wilcox et al. (Wilcox).
2. Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lauritzen in view of Redecker and Wilcox in further view of U.S. Patent 6,976,430 B2 to Kinoshita et al. (Kinoshita).
3. Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lauritzen in view of Redecker and Wilcox in further view of U.S. Patent 5,883,330 to Yoshida (Yoshida).

These rejections are moot in view of the cancellations of the rejected claims.

Withdrawn Claims

Claim 25 was previously withdrawn as directed to a non-elected species. As claim 25 is written in dependent form, dependent on allowed generic claim 18, claim 25 is also believed to now be in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is solicited.

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Conclusion

5 It is intended and believed that the above Amendment is properly and fully responsive to the requirements contained in the Office Action and places the application in condition for allowance. However, should the Examiner detect any issue or have any question regarding the foregoing, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the (847) 490-1400, in an effort to expedite allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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